#### **COUNTY PROFILE**

# **Koochiching Co.**

Koochiching Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 3, which is located in the Northeast Planning Region.

#### **POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

Koochiching Co.'s population decreased this decade, ranking as the 87th fastest growing of the 87 counties in the state from 2010 to 2020. It is now the 62nd largest in the state. Koochiching Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

Current population:	12,062 people
Population change,	
2010-2020	-9.4% decline

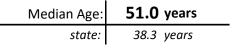
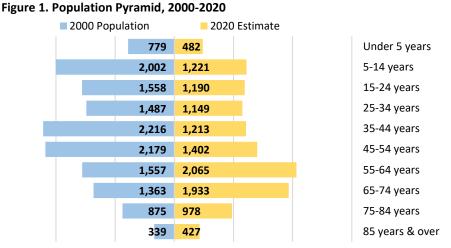


Table 1. Population by Age Group, 2020 Number **Percent** Under 5 years 482 4.0% 1,221 10.1% 5-14 years 1,190 9.9% 15-24 years 25-34 years 1.149 9.5% 35-44 years 1,213 10.1% 45-54 years 1,402 11.6% 55-64 years 2,065 17.1% 65-74 years 1,933 16.0% 75-84 years 978 8.1% 85 years & over 427 3.5% **Total Population** 12,062 100.0% Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates



Koochiching Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2010 to 2019, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Koochiching Co. welcomed net international inmigration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

Table 2. Components of Population Change, 2010-2019									
	Total		April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019						
	Population	Natural	Vital Events Net Migration				Vital Events		on
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic		
Koochiching Co.	-1,085	-413	968	1,381	-670	49	-719		
State of Minnesota	335,705	250,488	50,488 637,356 386,868 88,161 114,414 -26,253						

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Koochiching Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2019, Koochiching Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born	Koochic	hing Co.	Change 2	010-2019	Minnesota		
Population, 2019	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
Foreign-born Population	735	5.9%	165	28.9%	8.5%	28.9%	
Europe	88	12.0%	24	37.5%	9.9%	4.5%	
Asia	45	6.1%	-2	-4.3%	37.5%	30.3%	
Africa	15	2.0%	15	#DIV/0!	25.5%	72.0%	
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.5%	37.2%	
Americas:	587	79.9%	128	27.9%	26.6%	10.0%	
Latin America	53	7.2%	41	341.7%	24.1%	12.2%	
Northern America	534	72.7%	87	19.5%	2.5%	-7.7%	

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2019

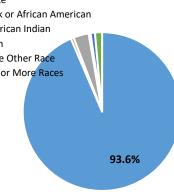
Europe
Asia
Africa
Oceania
Latin America
Northern America

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

Koochiching Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2000, the county's white population declined, but the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2019

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian
- Asian
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races



	Ко	ochiching	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2019	Number	Percent	Change from 2000-2019	Percent	Change from 2000-2019
Total	12,515	100.0%	-12.8%	100.0%	13.1%
White	11,711	93.6%	-15.1%	82.8%	4.7%
Black or African American	73	0.6%	170.4%	6.4%	107.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	391	3.1%	26.5%	1.0%	5.5%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	49	0.4%	44.1%	4.9%	87.8%
Some Other Race	111	0.9%	909.1%	1.9%	58.1%
Two or More Races	180	1.4%	2.3%	3.0%	99.9%
Hispanic or Latino origin	168	1.3%	107.4%	5.4%	108.9%

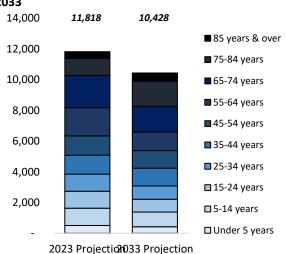
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

#### POPULATION PROJECTIONS

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Koochiching Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2023 to 2033, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (5.6%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2023-2033						
	2023	2023 2033		Percent		
Koochiching Co.	Projection	Projection	Change	Change		
Under 5 years	510	420	-90	-17.6%		
5-14 years	1,125	959	-166	-14.8%		
15-24 years	1,103	835	-268	-24.3%		
25-34 years	1,113	861	-252	-22.6%		
35-44 years	1,230	1,160	-70	-5.7%		
45-54 years	1,254	1,148	-106	-8.5%		
55-64 years	1,838	1,209	-629	-34.2%		
65-74 years	2,100	1,669	-431	-20.5%		
75-84 years	1,113	1,637	524	47.1%		
85 years & over	432	530	98	22.7%		
Total Population	11,818	10,428	-1,390	-11.8%		

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2023-



Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

56.3%

67.1%

#### **EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**

Koochiching Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.4%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Koochiching Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

91.9%

state:

8% 11% **12**% 36% 29%

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2019

☐ Less than high school

☐ High school graduate (incl. equiv.)

■ Some college, no degree

Associate's degree

■ Bachelor's degree

■ Advanced degree

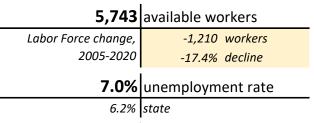
Associate's Degree: 12.1% Bachelor's Degree: 11.2% Advanced Degree: 4.0%

College-educated:

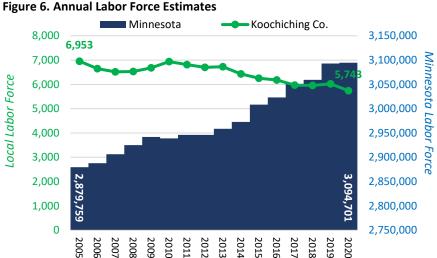
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

#### LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 7%, Koochiching Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2020. Due to the pandemic recession Koochiching Co.'s unemployment rate increased compared to 6.5% in 2019, but was lower than the 8.7% rate posted in 2010. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Koochiching Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2010.



**402** unemployed workers



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net loss of -68.8 workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Koochiching Co. averaged an annual loss of -32.5 fewer workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of -119.5 fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Koochiching Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2023 to 2033 (see Table 6).

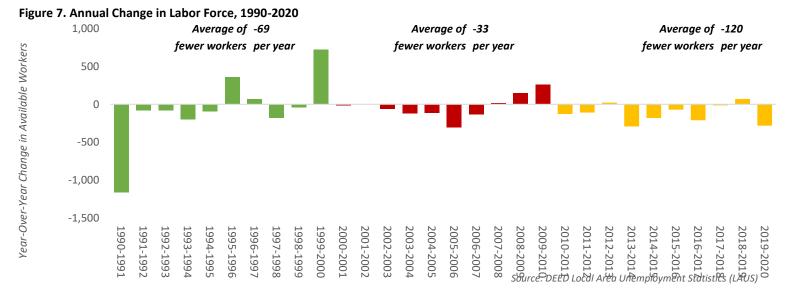
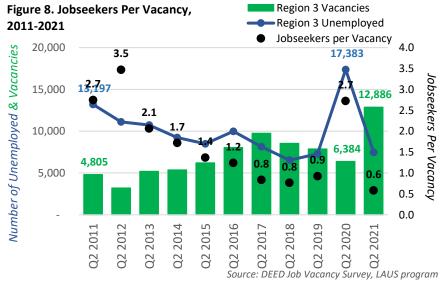


Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection				
Projections, 2023-2033	2023 2033				
16 to 24 years	720	536			
25 to 54 years	3,126	2,753			
55 to 64 years	1,122	738			
65 years & over	612	510			
Total Labor Force	5,580	4,536			

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

The labor market had grown extremely tight in recent years, with less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession intervened in early 2020 and the number of unemployed workers spiked. However, by the second quarter of 2021, job vacancies in Northeast reached new highs, quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers (see Figure 8).

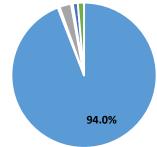


# LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Koochiching Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Koochiching Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 84.8% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2		1111		2.0		., .,		
	Koo	chiching Co.		Minnesota		Koochiching Co.		
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female	
Total Labor Force	6,247	59.3%	5.7%	69.7%	3.6%	3,373	2,869	
16 to 19 years	354	57.9%	10.7%	53.2%	11.0%	162	192	
20 to 24 years	501	89.0%	11.2%	84.6%	6.0%	289	212	
25 to 44 years	2,136	88.2%	5.8%	88.8%	3.2%	1,132	1,004	
45 to 54 years	1,376	84.5%	3.9%	87.6%	2.7%	682	693	
55 to 64 years	1,378	61.1%	2.4%	73.0%	2.8%	792	586	
65 to 74 years	463	27.3%	6.3%	27.9%	2.2%	287	177	
75 years & over	34	2.5%	58.8%	6.6%	2.4%	29	5	
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp;</b>	Hispanic Origin					Figure 9. L	abor Force by	
White alone	5,872	59.3%	5.0%	69.3%	3.0%	Race, 2019		
Black or African American	26	39.4%	46.2%	71.3%	8.8%		. 411	
American Indian & Alaska Native	161	52.1%	29.2%	58.9%	12.6%			
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	25	62.5%	0.0%	71.2%	4.3%		<b>- \\\</b>	
Some Other Race	69	62.2%	0.0%	77.7%	6.1%			
Two or More Races	86	81.9%	3.5%	73.6%	7.4%			
Hispanic or Latino	111	66.1%	0.0%	76.5%	6.1%			
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disabil</b>	ity							
With Any Disability	452	49.0%	13.3%	53.0%	8.6%		94.0%	
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educat</b>	ional Attainment							
Population, 25 to 64 years	4,887	77.5%	4.3%	84.5%	3.0%	White a		
Less than H.S. Diploma	201	64.4%	5.3%	66.3%	4.2%		African American	
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	1,591	72.5%	1.6%	78.5%	2.6%		n Indian & Alaska Na	
Some College or Assoc. Degree	2,232	79.3%	3.9%	85.3%	3.0%		Other Pac. Islanders	
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	864	87.7%	1.9%	90.0%	1.7%	■ Some O	ther Race	

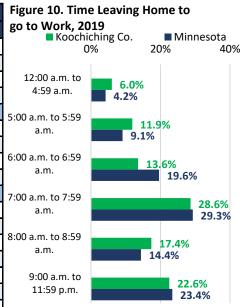
Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates



- Two or More Races

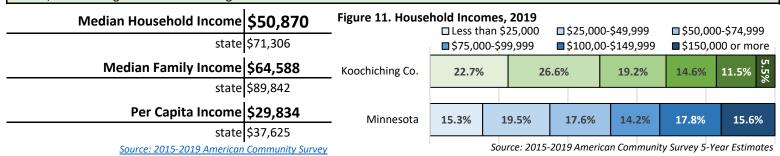
A larger percentage of workers in Koochiching Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Koochiching Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

	Koochichii	ng Co.	Minne	esota
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2019	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	5,695	98.9%	2,837,697	97.6%
Worked in county of residence	5,309	92.2%	1,846,247	63.5%
Worked out of county of residence	386	6.7%	991,449	34.1%
Worked outside state of residence	63	1.1%	69,779	2.4%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK				
Car, truck, or van	4,848	84.2%	2,506,244	86.2%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	23	0.4%	101,762	3.5%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	553	9.6%	125,021	4.3%
Worked at home	328	5.7%	171,541	5.9%
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK				
Less than 10 minutes	2,862	49.7%	456,474	15.7%
10 to 19 minutes	1,716	29.8%	872,243	30.0%
20 to 29 minutes	472	8.2%	645,460	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	305	5.3%	575,680	19.8%
45 to 59 minutes	167	2.9%	194,801	6.7%
60 or more minutes	242	4.2%	162,819	5.6%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	14.6	minutes	23.7	minutes



#### **INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING**

Koochiching Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Koochiching Co. had the 83rd highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.



Koochiching Co. also had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$12.48 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$13.83 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2020									
	Single Yearly	gle Yearly Hourly Wage Monthly Costs							
Single Adult, 0 children	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes
Koochiching Co.	\$25,967	\$12.48	\$0	\$349	\$163	\$543	\$592	\$244	\$273
State of Minnesota	\$32,964	\$15.85	\$0	\$355	\$153	\$832	\$704	\$325	\$378
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1	Family Yearly	Hourly Wage			N	onthly Co	sts		
working full-time, 1 part-	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health	Housing	Trans-	Other	Taxes
time), 1 child	Cost of Living	Required	Cilia Care	Food	Care	Housing	portation	Other	Taxes
Koochiching Co.	\$43,155	\$13.83	\$220	\$797	\$519	\$723	\$679	\$416	\$242
State of Minnesota	\$58,800	\$18.85	\$546	\$810	\$549	\$1,069	\$819	\$515	\$592

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Koochiching Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 73rd highest value of the 87 counties in 2019. Koochiching Co.'s housing stock was older than the state's, with a lower percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-	Koochichi	Minnesota	
occupied Housing Units, 2019	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	4,363	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	715	16.4%	4.6%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,270	29.1%	7.8%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,029	23.6%	12.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	631	14.5%	17.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	345	7.9%	28.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	283	6.5%	21.5%
\$500,000 or more	90	2.1%	7.9%
Median (dollars)	\$108,4	100	\$223,900

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2019 40% 10% 30% Koochiching Co. ■ Minnesota 2010 or later 11.0% 2000 to 2009 1980 to 1999 26.3% 29.3% 1960 to 1979 24.4% 23.0% 1940 to 1959 14.3% 11.2% 1939 or earlier 16.2%

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a

Percentage of Income, 2019

14.7%

41.89

mortgage

24.8%

11.3% 53.6%

rent

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units \$1,037 with a mortgage state \$1,580

Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs

Median monthly rent costs \$668

Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent

state 4<u>5.1</u>%

10.8%

Less than 20% 25.0% to 29.9%

15.9%

20% to 24.9% 30.0% to 34.9%

■ 35% or more

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

#### **OCCUPATIONS**

At \$20.49 in 2021, wages were lower in Region 3 than the state. Overall, Region 3 had the 6th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$41.59) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$12.76) (see Table 11).

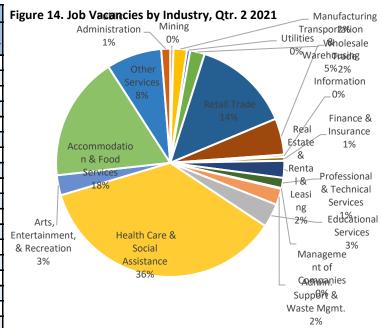
Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2021									
		Regio	n 3		Stat	State of Minnesota			
Occupational Group	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs		
Total, All Occupations	\$20.49	132,720	100.0%	1.0	\$23.00	2,708,760	100.0%		
Management	\$41.59	6,390	4.8%	0.8	\$54.22	164,530	6.1%		
Business & Financial Operations	\$30.19	5,690	4.3%	0.6	\$35.24	179,670	6.6%		
Computer & Mathematical	\$34.80	1,810	1.4%	0.4	\$44.89	98,240	3.6%		
Architecture & Engineering	\$36.20	2,370	1.8%	0.9	\$38.90	54,880	2.0%		
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$31.15	1,510	1.1%	1.2	\$35.48	26,120	1.0%		
Community & Social Service	\$21.66	4,520	3.4%	1.7	\$24.21	55,630	2.1%		
Legal	\$32.93	560	0.4%	0.6	\$41.02	19,760	0.7%		
Education, Training & Library	\$23.73	7,590	5.7%	1.0	\$24.64	159,060	5.9%		
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$18.85	1,350	1.0%	0.8	\$25.72	36,260	1.3%		
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$32.03	11,580	8.7%	1.3	\$36.90	188,210	6.9%		
Healthcare Support	\$15.08	9,870	7.4%	1.3	\$15.52	157,140	5.8%		
Protective Service	\$25.78	3,040	2.3%	1.5	\$24.18	42,520	1.6%		
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$12.76	11,760	8.9%	1.2	\$13.34	195,120	7.2%		
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$15.16	4,280	3.2%	1.2	\$16.14	74,550	2.8%		
Personal Care & Service	\$14.79	2,620	2.0%	1.0	\$14.57	51,660	1.9%		
Sales & Related	\$14.34	12,400	9.3%	1.0	\$16.83	250,430	9.2%		
Office & Administrative Support	\$19.01	15,820	11.9%	1.0	\$20.93	338,050	12.5%		
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$22.44	280	0.2%	1.4	\$18.14	4,230	0.2%		
Construction & Extraction	\$29.17	7,150	5.4%	1.4	\$29.84	102,390	3.8%		
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$26.99	6,880	5.2%	1.4	\$25.45	98,840	3.6%		
Production	\$20.45	6,780	5.1%	0.7	\$19.82	202,240	7.5%		
Transportation & Material Moving	\$19.32	8,440	6.4%	0.8	\$18.83	209,210	7.7%		

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2021

### **JOB VACANCY SURVEY**

Koochiching Co. is a part of the Northeast planning region. There were 12886 job vacancies posted by employers in the 2nd Quarter of 2021, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Northeast Job Vacancy Survey Results, Qtr. 2 2021						
	Number of					
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Wage Offer				
Total, All Occupations	12,886	\$14.20				
Management	243	•				
Business & Financial Operations	348	, -				
Computer & Mathematical	207	•				
Architecture & Engineering	114	φσ <u>=</u> .σσ				
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	78	T = =				
Community & Social Service	642					
Education, Training & Library	449					
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,292					
Healthcare Support	2,195					
Protective Service	71	7-0:0-				
Food Preparation & Serving Related	2,521					
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	565					
Personal Care & Service	303	,				
Sales & Related	1,284					
Office & Administrative Support	695					
Construction & Extraction	172	,				
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	249					
Production	238					
Transportation & Material Moving	705	\$15.63				



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, Qtr. 2 2021

# **OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND**

Table 13. Northeast Occupations in Demand, 2020						
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher			
Retail Salespersons	Nursing Assistants	Registered Nurses	Nurse Practitioners			
\$25,240	\$33,249	\$66,583	\$117,194			
Home Health and Personal	Automotive Service Technicians and	Forest and Conservation	Elementary School Teachers,			
Care Aides \$27,244	Mechanics \$45,930	Technicians \$50,158	Except Special Education \$72,265			
First-Line Supervisors of	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational	Computer Network Support	Child, Family, and School Social			
Retail Sales Workers \$38,482	Nurses \$45,331	Specialists \$63,488	Workers \$53,625			
Pharmacy Technicians	Electricians	Web Developers and Digital Interface Designers	Pharmacists			
\$36,308	\$70,602	\$49,180	\$145,283			
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	Medical Assistants	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	Foresters			
\$28,945	\$41,349	\$36,328	\$64,293			
Operating Engineers and Other Construction	Health Information Technologists, Medical Registrars, Surgical Assistants, and	Surgical Technologists	General Internal Medicine Physicians			
\$63,769	\$78,372 Electrical and Electronics Repairers,	\$57,416 Electrical and Electronic	NA Clinical, Counseling, and School			
Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers \$28,573	Powerhouse, Substation, and Relay \$95,333	Engineering Technologists and \$69,548	Psychologists \$87,008			
Customer Service Representatives	Dental Assistants	Environmental Science and Protection Technicians, Including	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term			
\$34,760	\$48,543	\$52,184	\$32,249			
Construction Laborers	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	Calibration Technologists and Technicians and Engineering	Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists			
\$41,749	\$69,061	\$57,832	\$59,122			
Pharmacy Aides	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics,	Mechanical Engineering	Training and Development			
\$26,517	Except Engines \$58,102	Technologists and Technicians \$61,935	Managers \$109,221			

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Koochiching Co. is a part of the Northeast planning region, which is projected to see a 1.1% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2018-2028					
Northeast Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2018	Projected Employ- ment 2028	Percent Change 2018-2028		
Total, All Industries	160,443	162,980	1.6%		
Natural Resources & Mining	5,596	5,700	1.9%		
Utilities	1,433	1,405	-2.0%		
Construction	6,363	7,145	12.3%		
Manufacturing	8,748	8,024	-8.3%		
Wholesale Trade	3,275	3,208	-2.0%		
Retail Trade	17,469	16,467	-5.7%		
Transportation & Warehousing	4,914	4,991	1.6%		
Information	1,406	1,240	-11.8%		
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	6,178	6,059	-1.9%		
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	5,184	5,407	4.3%		
Administrative & Waste Services	3,282	3,594	9.5%		
Educational Services	12,797	12,763	-0.3%		
Health Care & Social Assistance	33,615	37,375	11.2%		
Leisure & Hospitality	18,503	18,451	-0.3%		
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	6,932	6,692	-3.5%		
Public Administration	15,345	15,329	-0.1%		

## Figure 15. Regional Occupational **Employment Projections, 2018-2028**

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Management	274	<b>2,</b> 738	
Business & Financial	157	<b>1</b> ,582	
Computer & Mathematical	163	<b>I</b> 360	
Architecture & Engineering	87	<b>5</b> 94	
Life, Physical, & Social	91	<b>I</b> 356	
Community & Social Service	611	<b>2</b> ,059	
Legal	-29	156	
Education, Training, & Library	159	<b>3,96</b> 6	
Arts, Design, Entertainment	-138	861	
Healthcare Practitioners &	699	<b>3,1</b> 94	
Healthcare Support	718	<b>3,5</b> 45	
Protective Service	-29	<b>1</b> ,312	
Food Preparation & Serving	205	10,190	
Building, Grounds Cleaning	17	<b>3,85</b> 6	
Personal Care & Service	1,089		
Sales & Related		<sup>7</sup> 8,266	
Office & Administrative	1,150	10,558	
Farming, Fishing, & Forestry	-130	349	
Construction & Extraction	606	<b>2,</b> 584	
Installation, Maintenance,	185	<b>2,</b> 378	
Production	-481	,	
Transportation & Material	120	<b>3,85</b> 5	
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#### **ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

Due to the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Koochiching Co. had the 64th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Koochiching Co. was the 77th fastest growing in the past year and the 72nd fastest growing since 2015. From 2015 to 2020, employers in Koochiching Co. cut jobs, but lagged the state.

416 business establishments \$47,141 annual average wage
4,162 jobs \$196,198,979 total industry payroll

Job change, 2015-2020 -9.1% decline \$196,198,979

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2020

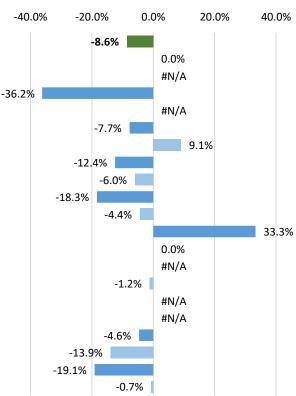


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Source: DEED QCEW program

			Average
Table 15. Koochiching Co. Industry	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Employment Statistics, 2020	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	4,162	100.0%	\$47,141
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	166	4.0%	\$14,550
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	171	4.1%	\$41,116
Manufacturing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Utilities	12	0.3%	\$99,191
Wholesale Trade	72	1.7%	\$43,750
Retail Trade	564	13.6%	\$25,335
Transportation & Warehousing	172	4.1%	\$43,465
Information	49	1.2%	\$45,170
Finance & Insurance	153	3.7%	\$64,967
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	16	0.4%	\$32,816
Professional & Technical Services	46	1.1%	\$31,405
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	85	2.0%	\$26,198
Educational Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	103	2.5%	\$42,751
Accommodation & Food Services	483	11.6%	\$15,260
Other Services	93	2.2%	\$12,047
Public Administration	443	10.6%	\$55,674

Figure 2. Change in Jobs, 2019-2020



Source: DEED Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW)

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